

# **Prisons and Drug Abuse: Challenges to HIV Perinatal Prevention Efforts**

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# Jail 101

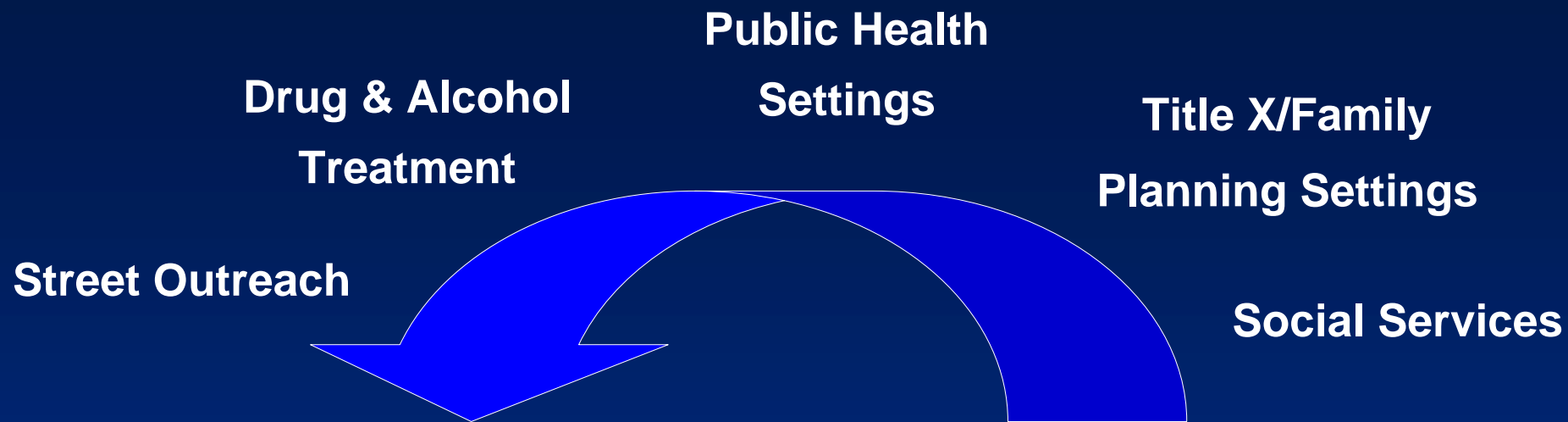
- Short-term facility.
- Usually operated by a city, county, or local government.
- Typically holds arrestees awaiting trial or sentencing and inmates convicted and sentenced to less than one year.
- 50% of arrestees are released with 48 hours.
- Public health interventions (e.g., screening, testing, counseling, making referrals) must happen *QUICKLY* or not at all.
- Most jails do very little screening - usually only for TB, sometimes for STDs, sometimes for pregnancy, rarely for HIV.



# Prison 101

- Longer-term facility.
- Usually operated by the State or Federal government.
- Greater opportunity to implement long-term public health interventions with follow-up.
- Prisons have a very comprehensive medical intake process, but the level and quality of ongoing medical care varies.





**CORRECTIONS**

**COMMUNITY**

Discharge  
Planning

Transitional  
Housing

Referrals &  
Linkages

Release, Parole,  
Probation



# Profile of Incarcerated Women

- 70% are women of color.
- Median age of 31.
- 61% are high school graduates or have a GED.
- 53% were unemployed at the time of arrest.
- 60% have ever received welfare.
- 30% received welfare just before their arrest.
- 50% were using alcohol, drugs, or both at the time of their offense.
- 41% used drugs daily in the month prior to their offense.
- >44% report previous sexual or physical abuse.



# **Profile of Incarcerated Women**

## **(continued)**

- **58% have or have had an immediate family member incarcerated.**
- **65% of female state inmates have prior convictions.**
- **41% have never been married.**
- **75% have children, 70% have children under 18.**
- **62% are single parents.**
- **70% had sole custody of their minor children prior to incarceration.**
- **6-10% are pregnant at time of arrest; 15% delivered a child in the last year.**

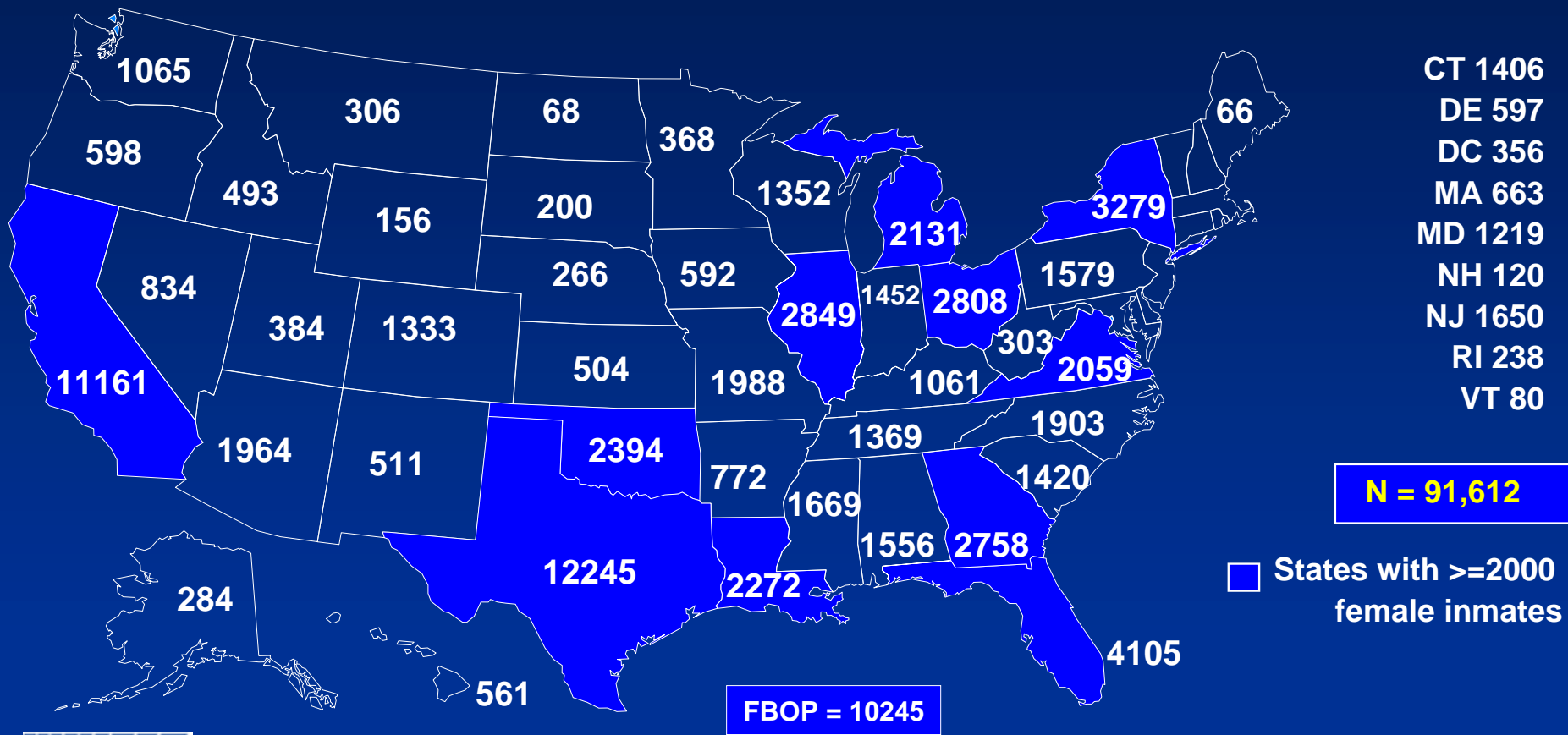


# Offenses Committed by Female State Prisoners, 1999

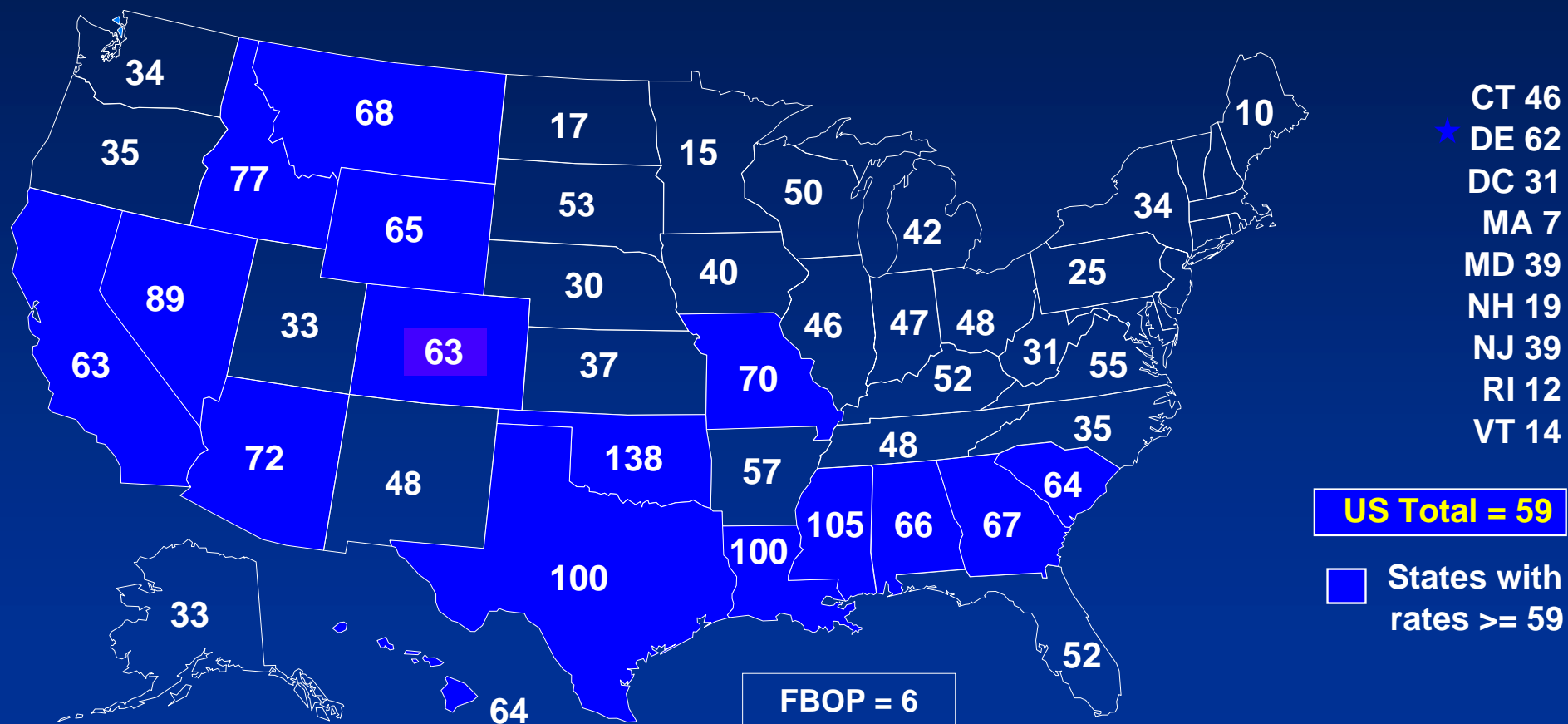
Drug Offenses	25,100
Violent Offenses	21,600
Property Offenses	19,600
Public-order Offenses	7,800



# Female Inmates in State and Federal Correctional Facilities, 2000

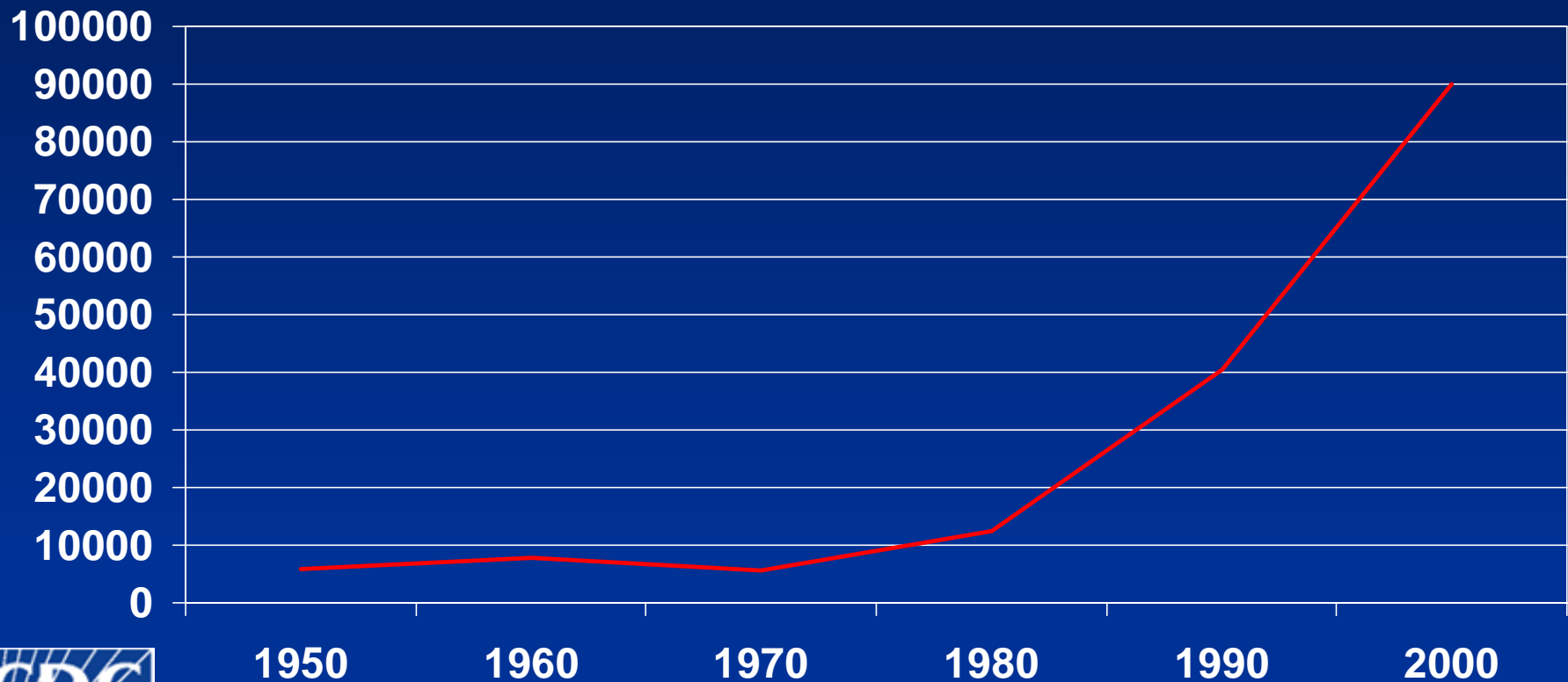


# Incarceration Rates for Female Inmates in Federal & State Correctional Facilities, 2000



Rates are per 100,000 population.

**The female prisoner population has more than doubled since 1990 and is growing at a faster rate than for men.**



# Adult and Adolescent Women in Correctional Facilities

State and Federal Prisons    91,612 (annual count)

Adolescent Facilities        +14,319 (one-day count)

Local Jails                    + 67,487 (one-day count)

**173,418 a day**





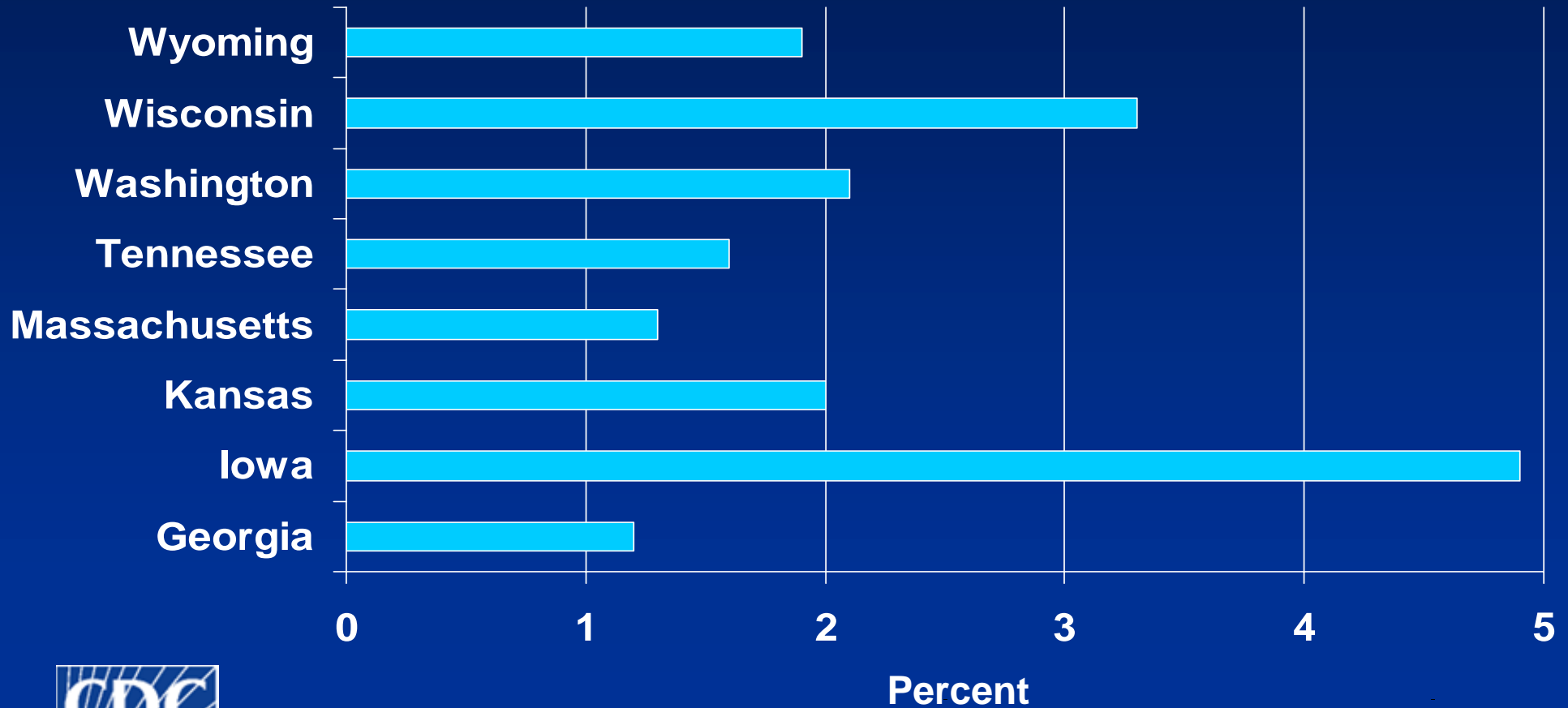
# Pregnancy Testing & Results

- 45% of state/ federal systems and 29% of city/county systems do routine pregnancy testing.
- Approximately 6% (10,400) of incarcerated women are pregnant at entry.



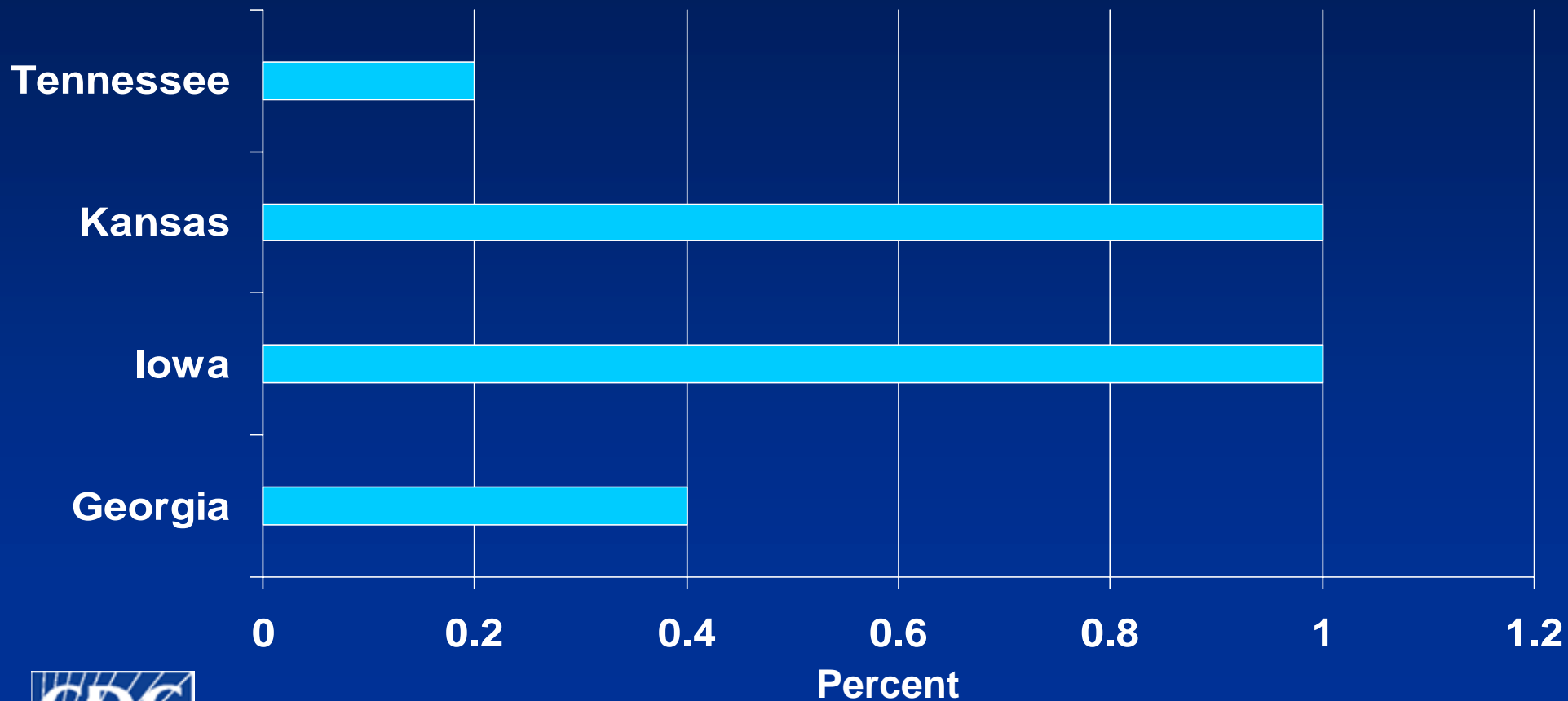
# Chlamydia

## *Female State Inmates, 1999*



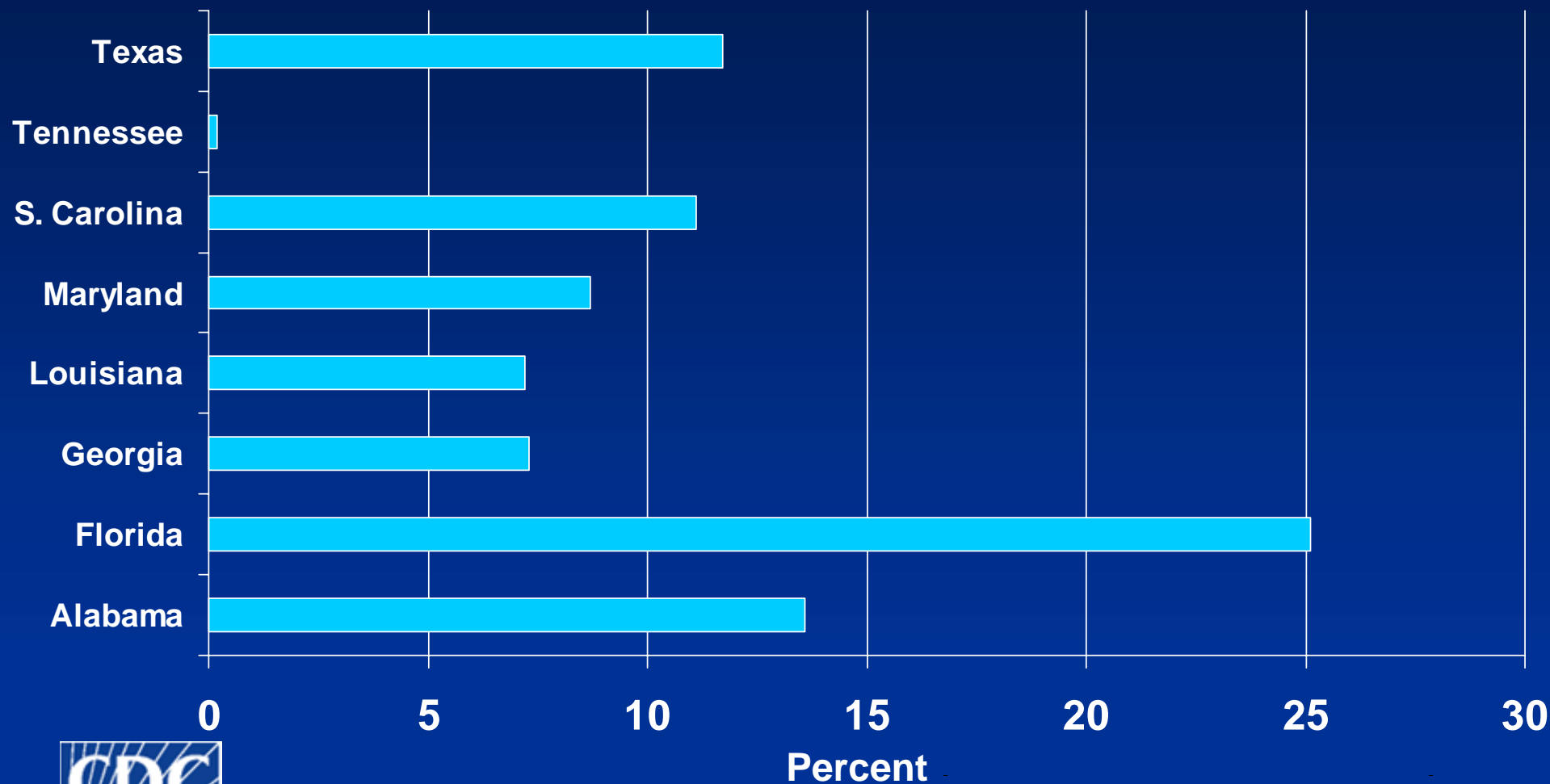
# Gonorrhea

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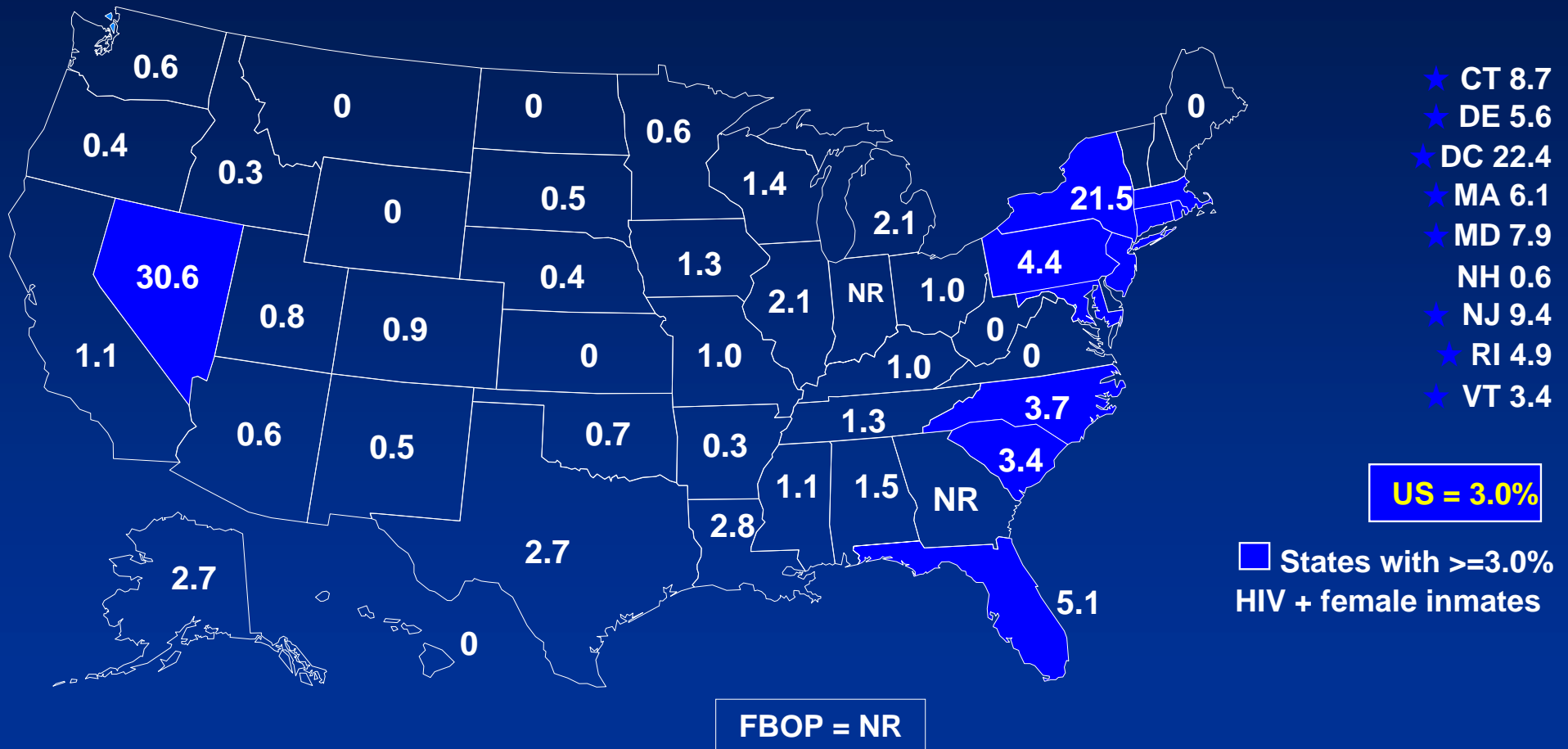


# Syphilis

## *Female State Inmates, 1999*



# Known HIV Positive Female State Prison Inmates, 1999



# Drug Use by Female Arrestees, 2000

*(Selected cities from 30 ADAM sites)*

	Sacra- mento	Chicago	NYC	Denver	Indian- apolis	Las Vegas	New Orleans	Spokane	Laredo
Tested positive for any drug at arrest	85.2%	79.5%	74.9%	70.5%	72.3%	60.9%	56.5%	41.7%	31.0%
Injected drugs in past year	11.1%	7.6%	10.3%	12.0%	7.4%	9.6%	7.4%	30.8%	0.0%
Used crack cocaine in past year	32.1%	45.3%	33.7%	38.9%	39.9%	23.2%	32.3%	21.4%	0.0%

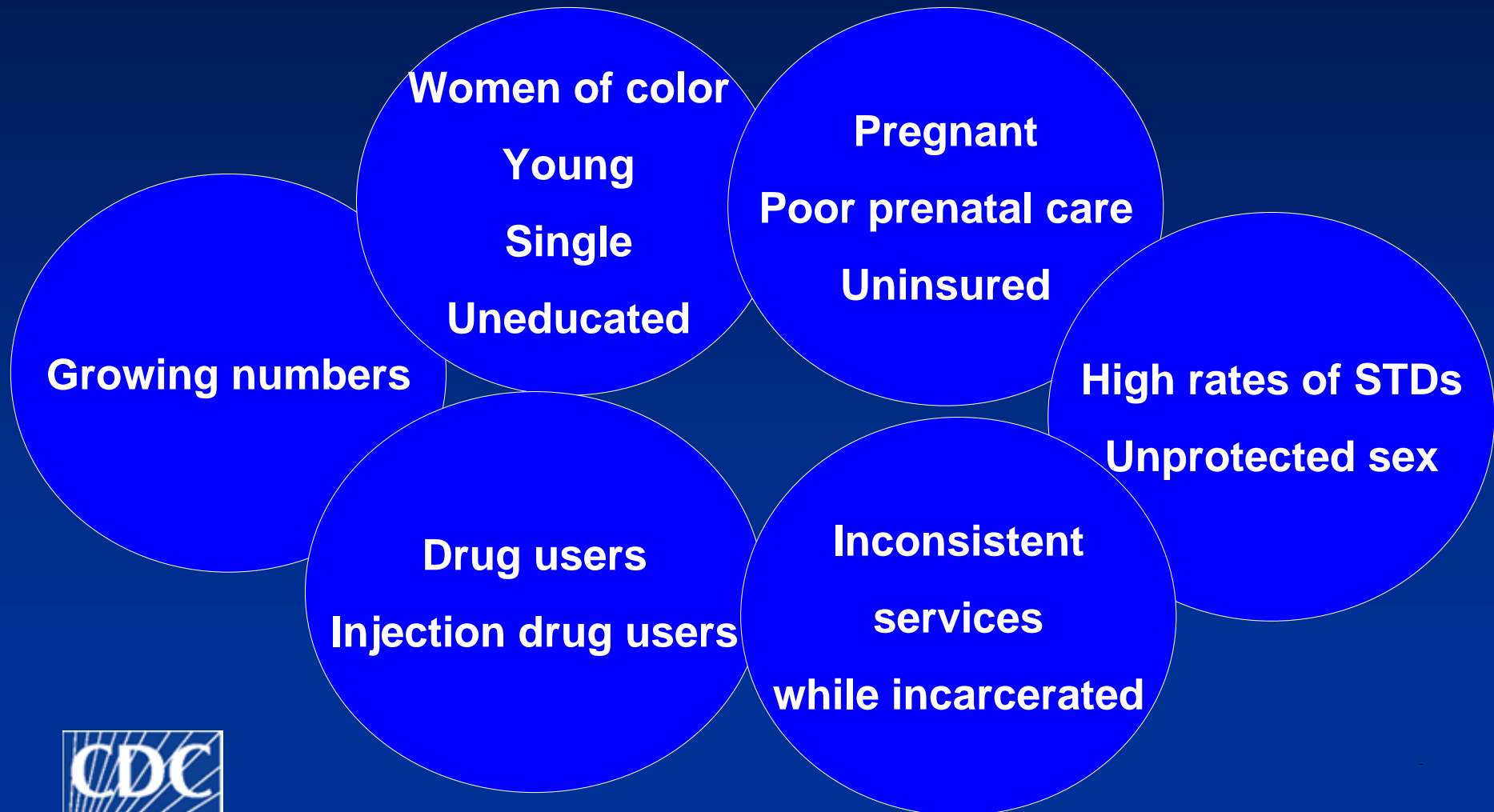


# Drug Use by Female Juvenile Detainees, 2000

<b>Site</b>	<b>Tested positive for any drug when detained</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>16.7%</b>
<b>Denver</b>	<b>65.4%</b>
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>38.3%</b>
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>45.6%</b>
<b>Portland</b>	<b>44.7%</b>
<b>San Antonio</b>	<b>25.6%</b>
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>43.1%</b>
<b>Tucson</b>	<b>44.4%</b>



# What does this mean for HIV perinatal prevention efforts?



*“Because That’s Where  
the Money Is”*

*Willy Sutton*

